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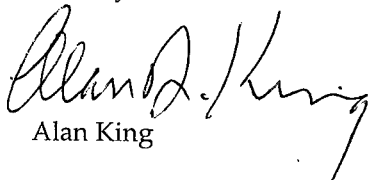
Dear Air Board:

I want to start this letter by saying I am absolutely in support of the proposed modification to the Potomac River Generating Station. Since no taxes will be assessed for the upgrades to their facilities, it makes sense to allow them to use their money to make their own facility the most environmentally sound that it can be. I just cannot understand why certain individuals and the city would oppose an innovative solution to improve air quality.

There have been numerous articles within our papers about the pros and cons to this proposal. Unfortunately, it seems that city seems bent on forcing the plant to close. They are not taking the whole big picture into consideration. By opposing this upgrade, what message are they sending to our residents?

We all need cleaner air, reliable energy sources, and a dependable electrical system. We risk all by putting one of our power plants into jeopardy. Although, the majority of the production goes to surrounding areas, we are all interconnected with the major grid network. One simple overload on a weakened system could plunge all of us into darkness. Please allow Mirant to upgrade and stay operational.

Thank you,


Alan King